

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Farm Service Agency  
Washington, DC 20250

**Notice PS-426**

**For:** State and County Offices

**2nd Session of the Automated Price Support System (APSS) User Review Group (URG)**

**Approved by:** Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



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**1 Overview**

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**Background**

In preparing for Common Computing Environment re-write of APSS from its current COBOL programming language to its next generation language, PSD is continuing its ongoing review of APSS.

Based on the premise that daily users of APSS are some of the most knowledgeable and best qualified personnel to critique the existing APSS software, PSD formed URG in late 2001 for that purpose.

URG's first session was held in Arlington, Virginia, from Monday, November 26, 2001, through Thursday, December 6, 2001. At that time, URG reviewed APSS in its present form and, at the conclusion of that session, presented a written report to the Director, PSD that detailed proposals for making APSS more efficient and user friendly when it is re-programmed.

It is now time for URG to conduct their 2<sup>nd</sup> session. Future sessions are also authorized and may be held.

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**Purpose**

This notice provides State and County Offices and URG members with information about the 2<sup>nd</sup> URG session.

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**Disposal Date**

October 1, 2002

**Distribution**

State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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## 2 2nd URG Session Mission and Agenda

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#### Mission

PSD's intention in conducting the 2nd URG session is to:

- continue the APSS review and redesign processes
  - further educate URG members in how to draft:
    - user requirements in their current format
    - user requirements for object-oriented programming
    - High Level Process Flow (HLPF) documents for use in later, more technical object-oriented design documents.
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#### Format and Agenda

The 2<sup>nd</sup> URG session shall:

- begin with presentations by PSD and KCC-PSCAD personnel
  - involve instructions on writing:
    - user requirements
    - HLFD's
    - Business Process Re-engineering (BPR) documents
  - require URG to draft and finalize an HLFD or BPR for APSS.
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### 3 2nd URG Session Details

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##### Location and Schedule

The 2<sup>nd</sup> URG session will:

- be held at the **Grand Hyatt, Atlanta, GA**
  - begin Monday, April 22, 2002, at 9 a.m.
  - end Friday, April 26, 2002, at 12 p.m.
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##### Hotel Arrangements

URG participants shall:

- make their own hotel reservations:
  - directly with the:

**Grand Hyatt Atlanta  
330 Peachtree Road, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30305**

- **not** later than April 7, 2002
- call the Grand Hyatt at 404-365-8100
- identify themselves as being participants in the USDA training.

The daily hotel room rate:

- is \$93, plus tax, for a single room
  - must be guaranteed for late arrival (after 6 p.m.) by using a credit card.
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3 2<sup>nd</sup> URG Session Details (Continued)

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**Per Diem and  
Travel  
Authorization**

The per diem rate for Atlanta, GA is \$131 a day, which includes \$93 for lodging and \$38 for M&IE.

Each URG participant:

- must have an approved AD-202 or FSA-164, as applicable, before incurring travel expenses

**Note:** This notice does not constitute an approved travel authorization.

- shall make their own travel arrangements.
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### 4 APSS URG Participants

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##### Participant Selection

PSD selected URG participants from 17 States based on those State's volume of loan and LDP activity. Participants serve for the term of the project. A list of participants is provided in subparagraph B.

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#### B

##### Participants

This table provides a list of URG participants.

APSS URG Participants		
State	Name	Address
Arkansas	Cheryl Reece, Program Technician (PT) Rachel Biggs, PT	Craighead County Poinsett County
California	Michele Clark, PT Chris Armendariz, PT	Glenn County Imperial County
Illinois	Donna Suver, PT Sandra Little, CED	Iroquois County Champaign County
Indiana	Dawn Hummel, PT Marietta Kendall, PT	Adams County Daviess-Martin County
Iowa	Brad Murray, State Office Lori Norris, PT	Iowa State Office Louisa County
Kansas	Loyd Johnston, DD Carl Warner, PT	Crawford County Osborne County
Louisiana	Mona Frey, PT Ernest Armstrong, DD	Acadia Parish Tensas Parish
Minnesota	Trish Bullerman, PT Carol Poppel, PT	Nobles County Wilkin County
Missouri	Barbara Denker, PT Richard Hill, CED	Moniteau County Ripley-Carter County
Nebraska	Lyanne Weissert, PT Anita Kaspar, PT	Gosper County Platte County

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**4 APSS URG Participants (Continued)**

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**B  
Participants  
(Continued)**

<b>APSS URG Participants</b>		
<b>State</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
North Dakota	Mavis Hogfoss, PT Donna Worcester, PT	Grand Forks County Grant County
Ohio	Anita Neth, PT Betsy Anstead, PT	Miami County Sandusky County
Pennsylvania	Sheri Patton, PT Jann Chapman, CED	Armstrong County Clinton-Centre County
South Dakota	Mary Jane Lusk, PT Lisa Rosheim, PT	Hughes-Stanley County Moody County
Tennessee	Rosemary Koss, PT Shirley Redfearn, CED	Robertson County Fayette County
Texas	Juanita Moody, PT Preston Wright, CED	Fort Bend County Hill County
Wisconsin	Charlotte Gudmunsen, PT	Polk County

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